

LEONORA.

Nearly 50 years ago, in the city of New York, not far from what is now called the Battery, there stood a square and gloomy-looking edifice of stone, then occupied by an old dame, Ursula Bond. The house was rapidly crumbling to decay with age and want of repair.

Ursula Bond dwelt there in grim loneliness, forcing the beautiful and artless Leonora, only child of her deceased daughter, to live with her, and to do all those menial tasks for the performance of which all others would have demanded money.

Leonora was in her 17th year when one evening in June as she looked from the door ere she should bar, bolt and lock it for the night, a frank and manly voice called out from a near heap of old boards where the owner of the voice had been watching for over an hour.

'Leo!' 'Hut!' whispered the maiden. 'Is it you, Walter?'

'Is the coast all clear?' was the reply, as a tall and handsome youth of 23 years showed his activity by gaining the side of the maiden by a bound that cleared fully 10 feet.

'It is lucky for us, dear Walter,' said the maiden, 'that Dame Ursula is not in hearing, or that bold pate of thine would be greeted with a taste of her staff.'

'That for her staff!' said Walter, as he snapped his fingers. 'But where is she?'

'Writing in her back bed-room.' 'Ah! adding up her gains, the cross, mean—'

'Walter remember she is my grandmother.'

'I only wish she was mine!' said Walter. 'And if she lives long enough she will be, won't she?'

'If you behave yourself,' replied Leonora, 'pretending to refuse the kiss he gave. 'But why have you tortured yourself?'

'By boarding so near you, eh?' said Walter. 'Because you must let me remain in the house all night. This morning as I was going to my work I passed the open window of an ale shop, and I heard a strange voice mention your name. The voices in the ale shop were speaking in French which you know I have learned by night study. Well I heard enough to tell me that the strangers—there were two of them—intended to pay Dame Ursula a visit sometime between midnight and dawn, and for no good purpose. So here I am to act as your defender.'

'But you should have told the police.'

'Bah! for the police!' said Walter Brandon. 'Am I not match for two men who speak bad French?'

'But my dear Walter—'

But Walter had glided into the house and vanished as quickly as one of those rats he had mentioned.

Leonora was in great perplexity, yet as she had boundless faith in the deception of her lover, she barred the door and hastened to her grandmother.

'You've been very long in barring the door,' said the old woman, as she closed her huge ledger, which was to her what a bible should have been. 'I thought I heard the voice of that impudent young carpenter, Walter Brandon.'

'Please grandmother, let me have a light,' said Leonora, who trembled at the thought of spending that night in darkness.

'A light!' screamed Dame Ursula, astounded at such extravagance; 'away with you; you will be asking for something more to eat next.'

That night, as the clock in the hall struck 2, the dame was aroused from a golden dream by a sharp pain in her neck and a loud oath.

Springing from her bed she shrieked for help, and pursued by the assassin rushed into the hall. She gained a distant room in time to lock herself in. At this instant her horrors were augmented by the report of a pistol, immediately followed by a shrill scream and then by another pistol shot; and ere the echo had died away the assassin burst the old door from its hinges and was in the room.

The horror the dame endured as she crouched against the wall, praying that the darkness might shield her, curdled her blood in her veins. But suddenly the assassin sprang a light. At the sight of this man, instead of crouching in fear or screaming with terror, the dame sprang to her feet, saying:

'So it is you John Bond, who have returned to murder your wife—coward!'

'Hag!' hissed the old man—yet he was much younger than she; 'do you think that you are to live forever? Tell me because the devil lets you live so long where you have hidden your hoards, and those of your first husband whom all men say you poisoned to marry John Bond.'

'To tell you I must leave this room,' said Ursula, as her corpse like visage grew livid with hate and despair.

'Whither, treacherous hag?'

'To the cellar, John Bond—come,' and stepping boldly by him, she went on along the hall lighted by the thief's lantern which he carried.

'If I suspect treachery—if you cry for help—I will shoot you dead, Ursula Bond.'

Ursula led the way. 'Lift that trap, John Bond,' said she pointing to a heavy iron ring imbedded in the floor.

'Lift it yourself, hag! If your

treasures are there, you have made daily practice of going down to them.' Ursula grasped the ring with both hands and strove to raise it, till growing impatient, he grasped it himself, and raised a trap door about 3 feet square. As he staggered with the weight, Ursula sprang against him and he fell headlong into the departure; but as he fell he let fall his lantern, and with his left hand grasped the edge of the trap. Ursula, furious with hate, stamped upon the clinging fingers, and, as her feet were bare, making no impression upon the desperate clutch, she heaved at the trap door and lo! it fell upon the assassin's hand. Dame Ursula felt with a bullet in her brain across the trap.

The assassin fell to the bottom of a deep and narrow cellar, damp and dismal and made more terrible by the gloomy rays shed by his lantern. The tide was rising in the bay—already the water was trickling through the stones of the fountain.

Let us return to Walter. While Bond entered the house from the front his accomplice, a brutal wretch from France, had gained a noiseless entrance from the rear. Had Walter been at his post this would not have happened, but poor Leonora, horrified at the thought of what might happen to her lover, had sought him instead of her couch.

Not until the sudden flash from the French burglar's lantern streamed across the room, did Walter remember his self-imposed office; and as he sprang to his feet the burglar turning to fly was shot through the lungs. But as he fell he returned the shot, and Walter, with the thought that his skull was crushed, fell senseless. Poor Leonora had already swooned. When Walter regained his senses he found his sweetheart weeping and chafing his hands, and he was delighted to discover that the robber's bullet had only stunned him. The burglar was dead.

Not six months from that night, Walter became the husband of the wealthy Leonora, who was sole heiress of Dame Ursula's wealth, much of which in gold was found scattered about the mansion. The year following, as Walter was directing the excavations for a new edifice where the old one had stood, his workman discovered a lantern and near it a human skeleton.

Pronounced Hopeless, Yet Saved.

From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hurd of Groton, S. D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up saying I could not live but a short time. I gave myself up to my savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles; it has cured me and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Trial bottles free at D. J. Humphrey's Drugs store, regular size, 50c and \$1.00.

A GIANT TALKS OF GIANTS.

James Roberts, the Half-Breed Cherokee, Seven Feet Four Inches in Height.

[Kansas City Star.]

James Roberts a half breed Cherokee, seven feet four inches high in his stocking feet. He was at the Union Depot last evening on his way home to Benton county, Arkansas, from Oklahoma City, where he has been looking after real estate he acquired soon after the territory was thrown open to settlement.

Roberts is as straight as an arrow, weighs 325 pounds, and is well proportioned. He has great strength of bone and muscle, and his power of endurance is something phenomenal. He is 27 years of age, and lives with his parents on a large tract of land owned by them in Benton County. His father is an American and his mother a Cherokee. He is a great reader of history and literature, and withal is a pretty well educated man.

Speaking on the subject of giants, Mr. Roberts said: "The giant as a curiosity has been seen by almost every American boy. The stories of great giants of the past ages are more interesting. Og, King of Bashan, was twelve feet in height. The great Goliath of the Bible is reported to have been nine feet nine inches high. The Emperor Maximinus was nine feet in height, while many other Romans of equal stature are said to have lived during the reign of Augustus. Skeletons have been exhumed in England measuring eight and nine feet in length. M. Thet, of France, in his description of America says that he saw a skeleton in South America that measured eleven feet and five inches in length. Walter Parsons, who acted as porter to James I. of England, was seven feet six inches in stature. The Chinese claim to have had among them in the last century men who measured fifteen feet in height, but this is hardly probable."

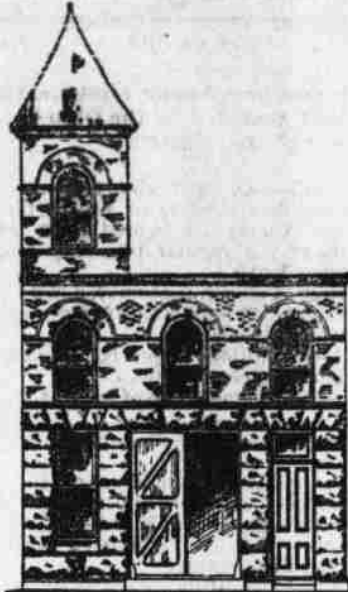
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A NEAT ENGINE HOUSE.

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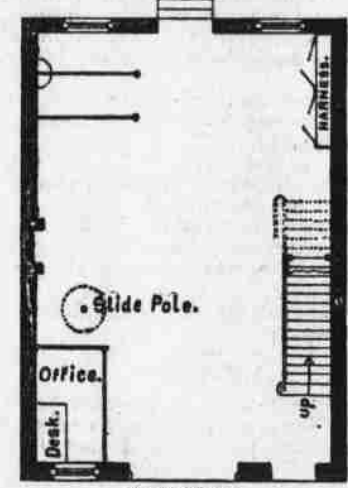


ENGINE HOUSE—ELEVATION. The portion of the second story above the arches is built of brick of two colors—black and red—and arranged checker board fashion. The string courses, cornice, etc., above the first story are all of molded terra cotta.

On the first story are situated the office, stalls and harness lockers.

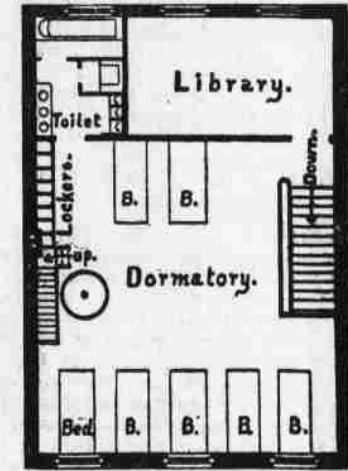
The stalls are arranged so as to be within easy distance from the engine, which stands in the central space ready for use.

Directly opposite these are the harness lockers, containing spare harness, trappings, etc., with drawers underneath for the various grooming implements and tools necessary for the keeping of the engine in good order. A staircase leads to the cellar below, used mainly for the storage of fodder for the horses and fuel.



A spacious staircase leads to the floor above, while more rapid egress may be made from this floor to the one below in case an alarm is sounded by means of the slide pole on the left, a device which has of late come into general use in all first class engine houses throughout the country. On the upper story is situated the dormitory, sufficiently large and commodious to accommodate a working force of seven men with comfort. It is well lighted and ventilated from the front by three large windows, and contains a sufficient number of lockers to meet all requirements.

From this room we pass into the toilet and wash room on one side and the library and reading room on the other.



The toilet room is well lighted and contains a bath, water closet, and wash basins. The library is a large room, 15x18 feet, and lighted from the rear by two large windows. It is intended as a lounging room for the men when not on active duty. This floor is finished throughout in cherry.

DAVID W. KING.

Hints. Figured deal, consisting of the amber variegated dark parts of the wood, associated with the delicate white and softer parts, is being introduced into furniture by some of our cabinet makers. The wood is simply polished and varnished. The application is by no means new, for in the room used for cabinet meetings in the royal palace at Berlin the wood work is of this material, and so handsome is the effect produced that visitors usually suppose that it is some fine and rare exotic wood.

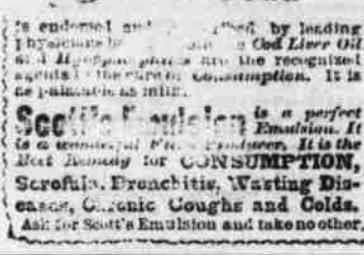
It is a singular fact that in England there came a time when the wainscoting itself of an apartment was considered "mean" if not covered with tapestry and painted cloth, although it consisted of British oak and polished red fir from Sweden. The idea of rich hangings being employed to conceal decoration has something humorous about it. Later, in 1216, came the painting of wainscots. A record of that time states that the subjects were "from sacred and profane history;" this, of course, in the dwellings of the wealthy. The wainscot usually rose only some six feet, and the upper portion of the wall was a virtual frieze, being "frequently started with roses, whilst the borders were of different patterns." Up to 1612 green, red and tawny colors were those chiefly used in the distemper decoration. Some of the frieze pieces were landscapes.

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